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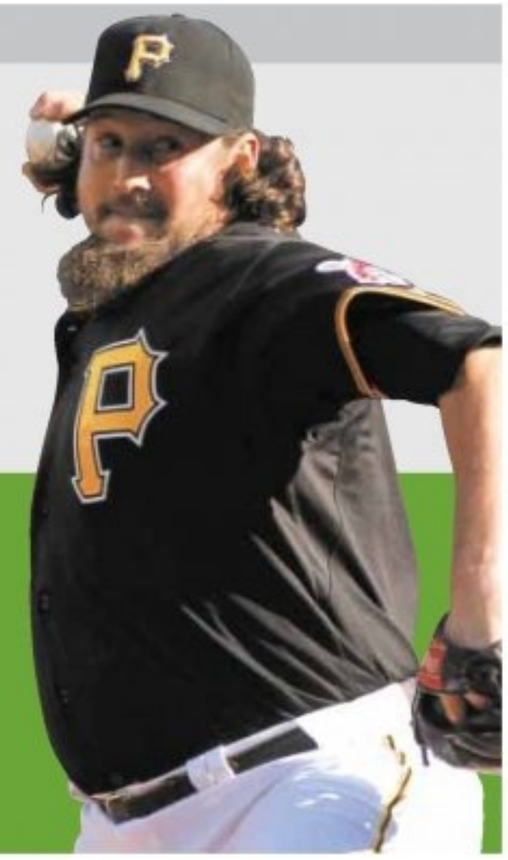

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In the news

$8.4M

City officials yesterday announced more than $8.4 million in affordable housing resources and tax credit funding from the state Office of Housing and Economic Development. The funding will help jumpstart three Boston affordable housing developments in Jamaica Plain, Roxbury and Dorchester. METRO

Today's local tweet

"#YouAintFrom Boston if you say "ain't" we're more properly educated than that"

@BLONDEONABOAT JUMPED, ON THE #YOUAINTFROMBOSTON TREND YESTERDAY

In the news

Shooting, stabbing suspects nabbed by police

BOSTON. Quick work by Boston police officers led to the arrests of two people connected in separate violent incidents this week. The most recent incident took place about 1:45 a.m. in Chinatown where a man in his late 20s was stabbed on Lincoln Street after a group of men approached and confronted him. He was seriously injured. Police later stopped a car matching a description and charged Angel Ruiz, 24, of Boston, with assault with intent to murder.

The first incident occurred just after 2:30 a.m. Sunday when a man was found fatally shot. After a car and foot chase, police arrested Osmell Odena, 22, of Boston, and charged him with illegal gun possession. METRO

City Hall

Boston City Hall getting voicemail

BOSTON. For decades, callers dialing City Hall could not leave a voicemail. Now, that's about to change. The phone system at City Hall will allow for messages, but will only be active after hours and on weekends, according to WBZ. Mayor Thomas Menino has prohibited voicemail to allow callers speak to a live person. METRO

Boston's raising the roof with $325M in projects

Developments, improvements across city expect to generate more than a thousand jobs, pour millions into economy Hotel, retail in the works

Boston officials on Friday announced new projects that are expected to create 1,400 jobs and invest more than $325 million in the city.

According to the Boston Redevelopment Authority, East Boston will get a new hotel, restaurant and retail space that will cost $31.5 million to develop. Suffolk University is slated to get a $62 million classroom facility on Somerset Street, and a new residential building called Starboard Place will be developed in the Charlestown Navy Yard.

City officials also approved a 32-story residential building near North Station. The Nashua Street Residences will include 503 units and a two-story public, retail arcade that aims to encourage pedestrian circulation between Nashua Street and Causeway Street.

Starboard Place, a $16 million development, will offer 54 residential units at what is now a vacant parcel at First Avenue and Ninth Street in the Navy Yard, according to the BRA.

In addition to the construction projects, city officials said a construction firm will improve handicapped accessibility and beautify a median in Downtown Crossing.

According to a statement by the BRA, city officials will enter into a $283,980 contract with a Quincy-based firm to upgrade the pedestrian ramp at the intersection of Bedford and Kingston streets.

By the numbers

BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Starboard Place

Charlestown Navy Yard: Starboard Place

- **Price tag:** $16M
- **Square footage:** 48,000
- **Residential units:** 54, 11 affordable
- **Construction jobs:** 150

Nashua Street

East Boston

Other projects

Nashua Street Residences at North Station:

- **Price tag:** $200M
- **Square footage:** 636,551
- **Residential units:** 503 units, 27 affordable
- **Construction jobs:** 650

East Boston: Hotel, restaurant and retail space:

- **Price tag:** $31.5M
- **Square footage:** 112,830
- **Construction jobs:** 200
- **Permanent and part-time jobs:** 69, 80

32 Number of stories in the residential building to be built near North Station, with 503 units

The project also includes a rebuilt and regraded sidewalk that meets the requirements set by the Americans with Disabilities Act, reconstruction of the median planter and a new ornamental steel fence, a plaque and etchings, as well as new shrubs and flowers.

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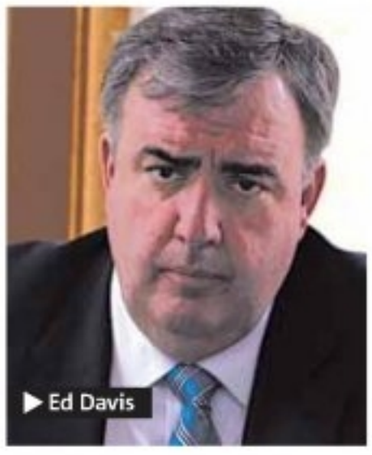
Son of Boston's top cop arrested on DUI charge

The son of Boston police Commissioner Ed Davis was arrested last weekend for drunken driving, about two weeks after a city officer drove the son home for being too drunk after leaving the TD Garden.

Davis released a statement Monday that said his son, Phillip, told him that he was arrested Friday night in Plymouth, N.H., for driving under the influence of alcohol. Local police said the arrest was made by New Hampshire State Police.


Ed Davis

"This sudden and public challenge is the most difficult issue we have dealt with as a family, but we pray that Phillip will ... overcome this setback."

STATEMENT FROM DAVIS

"Like many families that struggle with substance abuse, we are reaching out to experts to get Phillip the help he needs," Davis said in the statement. "Jane and I love our son very much and are relieved that he has decided to seek treatment. This sudden and public challenge is the most difficult issue we have dealt with as a family, but we pray that Phillip will persevere and overcome this setback. We are thankful that no one has been hurt in this situation."

The Globe reported earlier this month that Phillip Davis was leaving the TD Garden when he was stopped by a police officer for allegedly being intoxicated while behind the wheel. The officer allegedly drove Phillip Davis home after his shift. According to the Globe, the commissioner requested the incident be investigated by prosecutors.

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In the news

Police: Naked customer arrested

A 34-year-old man is accused of pulling up to fast-food windows in Westborough while wearing nothing but a jacket over his legs.

Rosildo C. Santos Jr. was charged with open and gross lewdness Sunday morning for allegedly being naked while pulling through the Dunkin' Donuts and McDonald's drive-throughs, according the Metro West Daily News.

An officer was interviewing employees about the first incident at the Rt. 9 Dunkin' Donuts when Santos allegedly pulled up naked for the second time, according to the report. Police followed him to the McDonald's, where he was arrested. METRO

Boston med researchers, pols feeling ill over federal health spending cuts

Menino, Warren, docs talk dangers medical research grant cuts ◗ Concerns stem from massive budget cuts set for next month ◗ Hub gets more NIH funding than any other city

Boston's medical researchers and politicians are feeling ill and despite the Hub being home to some of the nation's leading medical facilities, the cure for their ailment lies in Washington, D.C.

Boston Mayor Thomas Menino, Sen. Elizabeth Warren and some of the city's leading medical researchers expressed concern yesterday over the looming across-the-board federal spending cuts that could jeopardize one of the city's most important sectors.

If lawmakers don't come to an agreement on budget cuts and act by March 1, more than $1.2 trillion in automatic government-wide spending cuts over the next 10 years will take effect, which could negatively impact the more than $1 billion Boston facilities typically get each year in National Institutes of Health grants.

"The research these scientists do is mind-blowing, and the idea that Congress could slash their funding next month is mind-boggling," said Menino.

"The doctors ... have made it their life's work to improve people's lives. I hope in the coming days we can say the same about Congress."

Leaders from area hospitals and research universities briefed Menino and Warren yesterday at Boston Medical Center on the dangers of cuts to NIH research funding.

With various universities, hospitals and medical research facilities in Boston, the city receives more NIH funding than any other city in the nation. In 2011, those facilities in the city received a combined $1.7 billion in funding.

Dr. Bob Kingston, the chief of molecular biology at Massachusetts General Hospital, said one of his biggest concerns is that funding cuts could lead to a cut in the "next generation of great scientists."

"It's an issue for people who are 30 to 40 years old who are largely and completely depending on NIH research funding," said Kingston, who is also a Harvard professor. "Those are the people who are going to be driving research forward in the future."

NICOLAUS CZARNECKI/METRO

▶ Medical research in the state relies on federal funding.

What's funded

NIH grants help fund research including:

- A Boston College biologist whose research focuses on immunological cells in a range of illnesses that strike people with HIV and AIDS, was recently awarded a five-year, $2.7 million NIH grant.
- Boston's colleges and universities received more than $550 million in NIH funding grants in 2011.

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News in brief

Health Commission reports drop in flu cases

Flu-fearing Bostonians can breathe easy, because a particularly grueling flu season seems to be losing momentum.

Boston has seen a continued decrease in the number of reported influenza cases this month, according to the Boston Public Health Commission.

The decline is no doubt welcome news for a city that last month declared a public health emergency due to the virus.

There were 33 cases reported between Feb. 3 and Feb. 9, with a total of 1,418 cases reported since Oct. 1, the commission said. Since then, 17 people have died due to the virus — 16 of them were over the age of 65 and one was a child under the age of 6. Nearly 300 people, about 28 percent, of those infected were hospitalized, with 75 percent of hospitalizations involving people over the age of 45 with underlying medical conditions.

1,418
Flu cases reported in Boston since Oct. 1

▶ Getting a flu shot is still an option.

Despite the dwindling numbers, health officials still recommend Bostonians who have not yet been vaccinated get a flu shot.

"We generally see flu season in Boston last from October through March — so even though cases are going down, it's still not to late for residents to get a flu vaccine," said Katinka Podmaniczky, a health commission spokesperson. "However, we're pleased that so many people have been vaccinated so far and that the number of reported cases continues to decrease." METRO/MR

'Brick by Brick' film explores why we love Fenway Park

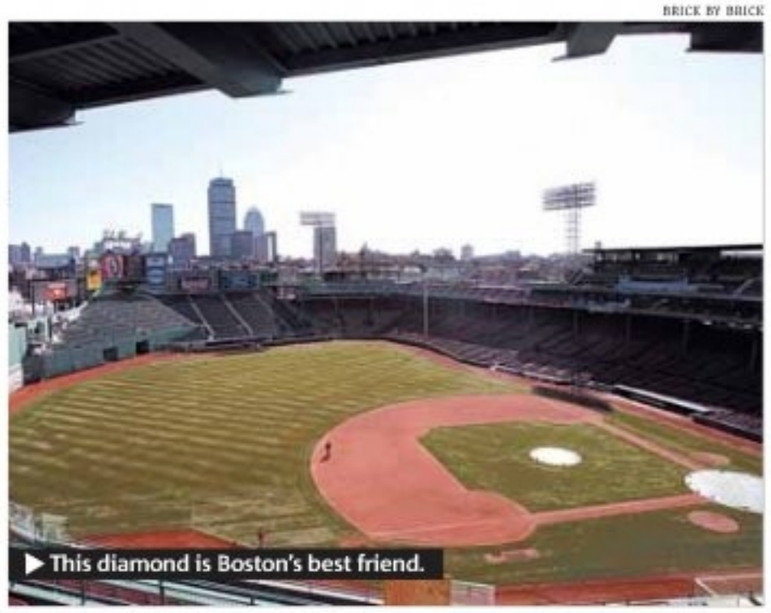
Fenway Park is the site of countless home runs, endearing Jumbotron proposals and a century worth of memories, and since Boston's beloved ball park recently celebrated its 100th anniversary, some sports-loving Emerson College students decided to make a film about its "emotional allure."

Little did they know that after a year of filming and editing, they would hit it out of the park: the 25-minute documentary "Brick by Brick: Stories of Fenway Park" was picked up by the New England Sports Network, and starts airing tonight.

"It hasn't really hit me yet," said co-producer Luke Fraser, an Emerson junior who also works on Yawkey Way. "I spent my whole fall semester working on it, and have had plenty of sleepless nights."

The students talked to dozens of fans, players and reporters about their first experiences walking through those green gates, and some of their best ball game memories.

BRICK BY BRICK


▶ This diamond is Boston's best friend.

When to watch

- **Tonight** at 8
- **Wed.** 3 p.m.
- **Thurs.** 4 p.m.
- **March 1** 6 p.m.

"It focuses not so much on the chronological history, but why Fenway is still there," said Jacob Ouellette, co-producer. "Like all big sports fans around here, we love [Fenway]. It's actually the first place we all hung out as a group," he said, referring to his fellow filmmakers. "That proves a point about what the park can do."

The group created a production company, Red Seat Productions, for the film, but to Fraser's delight, the students were able to use Emerson's movie-making equipment.

"We didn't have a budget," he said. "I think it came out really well given it was the first time any of us were doing it."

Like his film's subjects, Kyle Brasseur, the film's associate producer, recalled his first experience at the park.

"It was early morning, so I was grumpy — but as soon as I got there, everything just kind of clicked. It's an unreal sort of place. Something about the energy, the history; there is this feeling of family."

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Ono: The world is full of activism

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▶ Yoko Ono wears her sunglasses at the press conference for her exhibition "Half-A-Wind Show."

Half a lifetime ago, artist Yoko Ono lay in an Amsterdam hotel bed with husband John Lennon, staging a weeklong "bed-in" for peace and feeling they were very alone in their activism.

Today, Ono, whose own energy for campaigning has never tired, sees a world full of activists, maintaining her energy and faith in humanity.

"When John and I did the bed-in, not many people were with us. But now there are so many activists, I don't know anyone who is not an activist," she told Reuters in an interview in Berlin yesterday, her 80th birthday.

"Even the corporations — John always used to say the corporations need to be with us. ... Corporations now say 10 to 20 percent of their profits will go to such and such charity. They have to do that almost for people to feel good about it."

The late Beatle and Ono's 1969 bed-in to protest against the Vietnam War was repeated in Montreal, Canada. Press attention was huge, but much of it was mocking.

Ono, who gave a sold-out concert in Berlin on Sunday alongside their son Sean Lennon that closed with the anthem "Give Peace a Chance," said it is still critical to stand up for peace despite new conflicts in the intervening decades.

Quotes from Yoko

"When John and I did the bed-in, not many people were with us. But now there are so many activists, I don't know anyone who is not an activist."

"I don't want to be drowning in sadness. I think we have to stand and up and change the world."

▶ Visitors look at the work of Yoko Ono during the press visit of her exhibition at the Schirn Kunsthalle in Frankfurt am Main, Germany.

"I don't want to be drowning in sadness. I think we have to stand and up and change the world," she said.

The artist, born to a wealthy Japanese family in Tokyo in 1933, has recently become a passionate opponent of fracking, a controversial procedure that has sharply lifted energy output in the United States but which critics fear pollutes drinking water deep underground and could increase earthquake risks.

"Fracking is an incredible risk to the human race. I don't know why they even thought of doing it," she said.

Ono, whose birthday is being marked by a major retrospective of her work in Frankfurt, said she feels she is becoming freer in her art. **REUTERS**

JFK items fetch $2M; Reader's Digest closes book

Sold!

▶ The John McInnis Auctioneers Presidential Auction of the Estate of JFK Special Assistant David Powers

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JFK birthday card auctioned for $17K

CAMBRIDGE, MASS. Thousands of items that belonged to a longtime aide of President John F. Kennedy sold for as much as $2 million in an auction that ended yesterday, nearly 50 years after the president's assassination.

A birthday card from his son, the late John F. Kennedy Jr. fetched $17,000, a flag flown on Kennedy's motorcade limousine sold for $55,000, while a seal that hung above the aide's desk in the West Wing sold for $17,000, excluding buyers' premiums, said Dan Meader, auction appraiser at John McInnis Auctioneers.

A top sale item in the bidding that began on Sunday morning was Kennedy's Air Force One bomber jacket, which sold for $570,000 plus a buyer's premium, far greater than the expectation of a $20,000 to $40,000 final bid. **REUTERS**

Transcender of sports

LA Lakers owner Buss dead at 80

LOS ANGELES. Jerry Buss, who parlayed a $1,000 real estate investment into ownership of the Los Angeles Lakers, winning 10 National Basketball Association championships and making the team one of the most glamorous in American sports, died yesterday at 80, the team said on its official website.

Buss, who matched superstar players with brilliant coaches and savvy executives, had been hospitalized recently for cancer. The official cause of death was kidney failure. **REUTERS**

▶ Buss (center)

Iconic magazine falters

Reader's Digest files for bankruptcy

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. RDA Holding Co., publisher of the 91-year-old Reader's Digest magazine, filed for bankruptcy to cut $465 million in debt and focus on North American operations as consumers shift from print to electronic media.

Reader's Digest went public in 1990. An investor group led by private-equity firm Ripplewood Holdings LLC bought it in 2007 for $1.6 billion and the assumption of about $800 million in debt. **BLOOMBERG**

Finding fragments

Meteorite rush starts in Russia

MOSCOW. A meteor that exploded over Russia's Ural mountains and sent fireballs blazing to Earth has set off a rush to find fragments of the space rock, which hunters hope could fetch thousands of dollars a piece.

Friday's blast and ensuing shockwave shattered windows, injuring almost 1,200 people.

It started a "meteorite rush" around the industrial city of Chelyabinsk, 950 miles east of Moscow, where groups of people have started combing through the snow and ice. **REUTERS**

▶ Meteorite trail

Back from Cuba

Chavez makes surprise return

CARACAS. Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez made a surprise return from Cuba yesterday, more than two months after surgery for cancer that has jeopardized his 14-year rule of the South American OPEC nation.

The middle-of-the-night homecoming by Chavez, 58, implies some medical improvement — at least enough to handle a flight of several hours — and will again fire up supporters with hope he could return to active rule. **REUTERS**

18 Chavez's latest surgery was his fourth in just 18 months since the disease was detected. He also has undergone chemotherapy and radiation treatment. His condition remains delicate.

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The universe is more than galaxies, stars, planets and empty space. What we see as "everything" is less than 5 percent of the total universe. The remaining 95 percent is dark matter and dark energy. The origins and identity of both are unknown.

To illustrate the basic mystery of dark matter, imagine taking a Chihuahua to the veterinarian. When it's time to be weighed, instead of the scale reading 10 pounds, it reads 100 pounds. Doctors are shocked when their tools find the dog's body is completely normal and doesn't account for the extra phantom weight. Later you give your wonder dog a bath. After heaving the purse-sized furry anomaly into a full tub, all of the water spills on the floor as if the entire container is filled, yet you see plenty of empty space.

Similarly, galaxies behave as if they have about 10 times more mass than what's visible. Second, galaxies appear to hover within a larger beach ball-shaped cloud of invisible matter, undetectable except through gravity. The source and identity of dark matter is unknown.

The remaining 70 percent of the universe is dark energy. In 1998 the Hubble Space Telescope discovered an unknown force accelerating galaxies away from one another and driving the universe to expand faster.

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▶ Scientists employ the use of technology such as satellites and telescopes to try to detect dark matter in both direct and indirect ways.

NASA's astrophysics page summarizes proven knowledge: "We know how much dark energy there is because we know how it affects the Universe's expansion. Other than that, it is a complete mystery." There are many promising candidates for dark matter/energy, each with flaws and benefits. Still, no clear front-runner exists. The search is on to identify dark matter and energy likely surrounding and passing through you right now. Experimenters around the world search for answers using both laboratories deep underground and particle accelerators. Meanwhile, telescopes study distances from individual galaxies to the structure of the whole universe.

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Solutions will forever change humans' views of reality and shed light on the life cycle of the universe, beginning and end included. As 1800s German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche wrote, "If you gaze long into an abyss, the abyss will gaze back into you."

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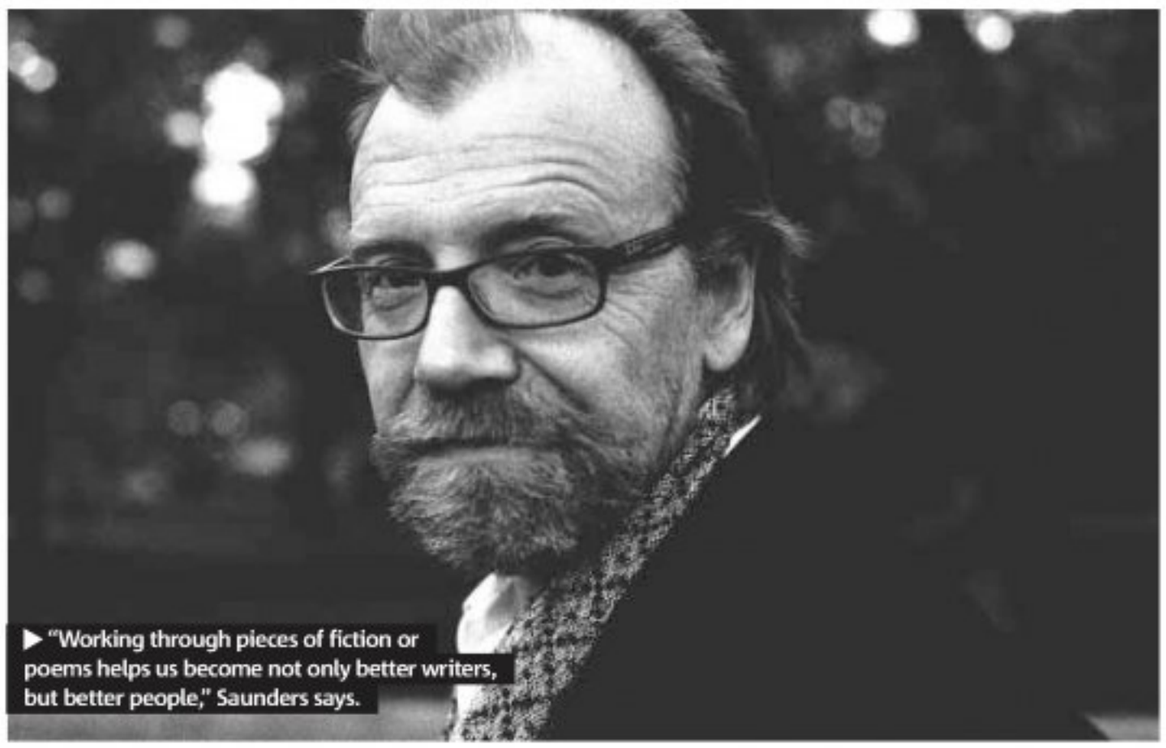
Is an MFA in creative writing worth the cost? George Saunders says it is

The 'Tenth of December' author reflects on what the advanced degree means for you Studying creative writing can be transformative



"Working through pieces of fiction or poems helps us become not only better writers, but better people," Saunders says.

These days George Saunders' talents are more in-demand than perhaps any other American writer: His latest collection of short stories, "Tenth of December," recently appeared on the cover of The New York Times Magazine with the headline "George Saunders Has Written the Best Book You'll Read This Year." Heady times.

But back in the '80s, Saunders found himself out of work with an MFA in creative writing — and looking straight into a pile of looming debt. These days he teaches at Syracuse University — in the very same MFA program he once attended. And, over the years, he has developed more than a few insights into the true value of post-graduate education.

Do your students ever struggle with perceptions that an MFA in creative writing isn't practical? Did you struggle with this when you were a student?

Some of them do, sure. One of the most satisfying things is when a family that has been skeptical comes to our third-year graduation event, hears their child read from his or her work and is converted. Personally, I never felt that way, no. When I got into the Syracuse program, I was working as a groundsman, so being in an MFA program was a big step up.

Do you feel that national conversations about higher education are too focused on job preparation?

It seems to me that it is, yes — although maybe that's not surprising, given the scary job market and the tricky and shameful way that a student loan has basically morphed from a high-minded government program designed to provide civic benefit, into, well, a credit card [with] high interest rates and merciless payback conditions. Students now are so weighed down with this debt — which seems to me is a kind of welfare program that benefits the banks and the colleges but not the student — that there is, of course, pressure on them to start paying it back … and not go loafing around the desert with a backpack and a copy of "On the Road."

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New dimension

Is there value in a creative writing MFA beyond becoming a better writer?

Well, I'd argue that the task of working through pieces of fiction or poems helps us become not only better writers, but better people. Writing somehow tends to move us from a position of one-dimensional certainty about a topic to a more ambiguous or even confused state — and that is mind-enlarging. On a more pragmatic level, I think the MFA degree has made it easier for our grads to get teaching jobs. This didn't used to be true, but increasingly it seems so.

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Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

Are people more upset over Mindy McCready's dog than her children?

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▶ McCready killed herself days after she was released from rehab.

Twitter was ablaze over **Mindy McCready**'s tragic suicide on Sunday. The troubled 37-year-old country singer shot herself in the same spot her longtime boyfriend, record producer **David Wilson**, killed himself a month earlier. But after reports emerged that McCready killed the family dog before turning the gun on herself, sympathy turned to anger — people seemed to be much more upset that she shot her dog rather than being in such a dark place that she would leave behind her two young children, **Zander**, 6, and **Zayne**, 9 months old. A sampling:

@ChasinCaroline Seriously? Mindy #McCready killed her dog before she killed herself? Now that's cruel!

@wwtdd the fact that mindy mccready killed her dog first makes me glad shes dead

@ChristopherFTL Mindy McCready shot and killed her dog before turning the gun on herself. My sympathy meter just went to zero after reading this.

As a huge animal lover, I get the outrage. But as murder/suicides go, a dog is better than, God forbid, a child. Of course, Twitter is but a small sampling of what we're all thinking, but isn't it fascinating that the world decided to pick up on this aspect of the tragedy rather than the human one — that two little children are going to be scarred for life and will grow up with no mother?

Fergie, Josh Duhamel are expecting their first child

Fergie has some new lovely lady lumps, as it was announced yesterday via **Josh Duhamel**'s Twitter that the couple are expecting.

"Fergie and Me and BABY makes three," he wrote. Fergie, 37, followed suit: "Josh and me and BABY makes three!!!" she tweeted and included the hashtag **#mylovelybaby-bump.**

Duhamel has been talking about fatherhood for a while. "It'll happen," he told USA Today while promoting his new film "Safe Haven."

"It's happening. But every three months she's pregnant [in the press]. If she gets a little paunch, everyone thinks she's pregnant. It's like, well, thanks, they're basically calling you fat. But like my mom said, well, if she's been pregnant as long as everyone says that she is, well, then we're going to have a baby elephant. We're on our own schedule with that."

The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

@ABFoundation [Alec Baldwin]
Fox TV reporter followed me down street, walking my dogs. He tripped and fell. My doorman said, "I'm your witness! You didn't push him!"

@Joan_Rivers
Reading about all those people stranded aboard the Carnival Triumph. The passengers on the Titanic had a better time on their trip.

@realjeffreyross
Last night on the phone my buddy @bobsaget told me his eyelid was infected and when I woke up today mine was too. Theories?

@charliesheen
hashtag hash browns! hashtag flash clowns! hashtag crash frowns! hashtag mash gowns! hashtag porpoise fur hashtag please stop Charles

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Talking points

Rihanna gets into a fight with a fan

Some of **Rihanna**'s fans are still not OK with her rekindled relationship with **Chris Brown**, and they're not afraid to show it. The singer was left injured outside a London nightclub after a fan hurled a bottle of Lucozade, a British energy drink, at her while screaming about her reunion with Brown, according to the New York Daily News. Witnesses say Rihanna fell against a metal shop grate during the ensuing mayhem, cutting her knee.

Sam Ronson's mom speaks out against Lohan

Ann Dexter-Jones, the socialite mother of DJ **Samantha Ronson**, is opening up about why she stepped in to break up Ronson's relationship with **Lindsay Lohan**. "I was seriously anxious about Samantha's safety and well-being. I feared tragedy," Dexter-Jones tells the Daily Mail. She remembers a party for the opening of the Atlantis Hotel in Dubai as being a particular breaking point. "Suddenly, without any warning, Lindsay flung herself onto the thick carpet and started to roll around screaming like a child," Dexter-Jones says. "It seemed she was upset that people, including Samantha, were not paying her enough attention. To my mind, it was classic psychotic behavior."

▶ Ann Dexter-Jones and Samantha Ronson

Olivia Wilde on her dream gown

Olivia Wilde and **Jason Sudeikis** may not have officially set a date for their wedding yet, but Wilde is thinking about what she'll wear. "I'm very excited to look for a dress," Wilde tells People magazine. "I think women should want a dress that inspires them, especially for an important day like a wedding. I'm looking for a design and materials that represents the best version of myself." So what exactly does that entail? "Anything that is modern, elegant and playful," Wilde says.

The stars didn't stay in this weekend

1. I got this, bitches: **Selena Gomez** was spotted leaving a radio station in Paris on Monday.

2. Harry Styles and his devilish smile took a walk in London on Sunday.

3. These are the people responsible for making "Breaking Bad" more addictive than meth: The show's writers — **Sam Catlin, Moira Walley-Beckett, Vince Gilligan, Gennifer Hutchison, George Mastras, Thomas Schnauz** and **Peter Gould** — won the Writers Guild Award for Outstanding Drama Series on Sunday night in LA.

4. And in NYC, **Lena Dunham** hugged it out with **Gina Gershon** at the Writers Guild East Coast Awards after-party.

5. Odd couple of the day: **Rob "Vanilla Ice" Van Winkle and Verne "Mini-Me" Troyer** were at the third annual Streamy Awards in Hollywood on Sunday night.

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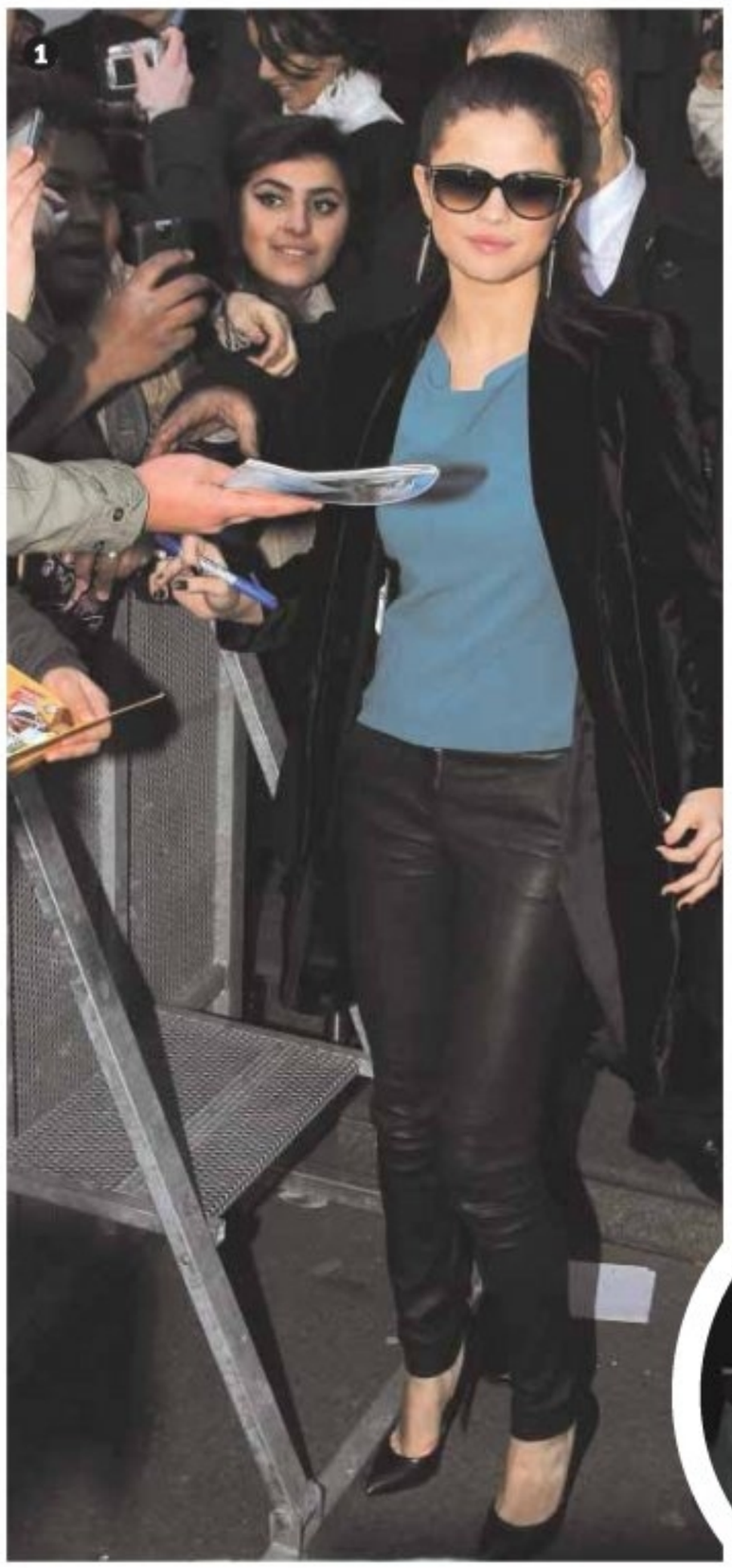
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6. Jackie Chan flashed a peace sign at the Seoul premiere of "Chinese Zodiac" on Monday.

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TV watch list

‘Body of Proof’

DRAMA. The medical series starring Dana Delany is back for Season 3. Megan returns to work following Peter’s death last season, but the show’s high-voltage energy gears up when she and her crew go after a serial killer who winds up holding her daughter Lacey hostage. **Season premiere, 10 p.m., ABC**

‘Our America with Lisa Ling’

REALITY. Lisa Ling’s latest endeavor, currently in its second season, offers a sleekly produced look at demographics that don’t often receive time in the spotlight. Tonight’s captivating topic centers on Christian martyrs who take their faith to extreme levels. **9 p.m., OWN**

‘Cult’

DRAMA. A creepy reality show may be prompting copycat murders in this new drama starring CW staples Matt Davis and Jessica Lucas as a journalist and a production assistant who investigate the mysterious trouble. **Series premiere, 9 p.m., The CW** MATTHEW JACOBS

▶ Dana Delany stars in “Body of Proof,” which kicks off its third season tonight.

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IN CONTROL OF ‘NO ONE IN CONTROL’

Snowden’s Jordan Jeffares emerges with a new album after more than six years off the scene

▶ Jordan Jeffares is the soul of Snowden. He performs at T.T. the Bear’s tonight. For more info, visit www.ttthebears.com.

After his 2006 release “Anti-Anti,” which was roundly praised by critics, Jordan Jeffares disappeared altogether because of a conflict with his record label. Known for introspective, echoing songs loaded with the prettiest brand of longing this side of the Cure, he is now receiving advance praise for sophomore release, “No One In Control,” which comes out in May. Jeffares says he never gave up making music — he just couldn’t find a way to put it out.

“If you put it out naked, there’s a good chance that no one will ever hear it,” he says from his Austin, Texas, home. “It’s very hard to get a record out properly anymore. ... Without a push behind it, i.e. some finances, it can be hard.”

“I had a falling out with my old label and ... I couldn’t show anyone any music because I had to protect myself legally. That compounded the problems.”

JEFFARES, ON HIS HIATUS

Do you find that the longer you’ve worked on a song, the better it is?

I hope it is. I have a group of peers that I pass things around to, and I’ll keep changing things until they smile.

This new album feels like the follow-up to “Anti-Anti” even though it’s been six years.

Even with this much time and this much work on this record, I have strong themes that I’m drawn to sonically, and ... that’s why it sounds like a follow-up, because it really is.

Do you think being in Austin helps you write differently?

When I got here and I was trying to understand where my head was at as far as my writing goes, I read this Steve Earle quote about Austin. He said, “The weather was great, the women were beautiful and the drugs were too cheap, and I wouldn’t get anything done in a town like that.” It explains why nothing good comes out of beach towns, including L.A., arguably. ... It’s hard to find flux to create new moods.

Q&A

You’ve been described as enjoying a sort of cold, snowy ambience in your songwriting. What songs or artists evoke that for you?

I’ve always been a big fan of the Cure’s early to mid career, and of course My Bloody Valentine. I’m a huge Yo La Tengo fan. One of the bands that I’m constantly throwing out to my friends, trying to get them to pick up on is the Clientele. I don’t understand how they’re not one of the biggest bands in the world.

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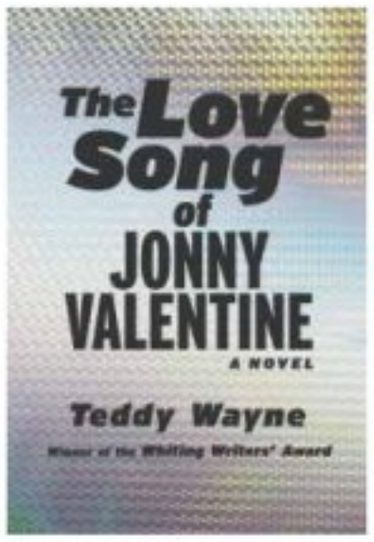
When young idols are your muse

Teddy Wayne gives a sly peek behind the velvet rope of an 11-year-old Bieber-esque pop star in his new novel, 'The Love Song of Jonny Valentine' On striking a serious chord

Meet Jonny Valentine, an 11-year-old pop star who worries about his "chub," hitting puberty and career longevity. In the new book "The Love Song of Jonny Valentine," author Teddy Wayne gives us a sly peek behind the velvet rope (literally) of a young pop star. Sort of inspired by Justin Bieber, the book delights in mocking an American society obsessed with nubile stars. But it also strikes serious chords, examining what that obsession does to the pint-sized pros themselves. Some serious moments even eerily parallel Bieber news stories after Wayne wrote the book, like violent threats and a marijuana scandal. Wayne, who just turned 34, talked to Metro about prepping through celeb glossies and guitar strums.



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Wayne

Valentine is based on Justin Bieber. How many front-row Justin Bieber concert seats did you buy to research?

I ended up not going to any. I didn't want to be too beholden to the reality of Bieber concerts. I did watch his documentary film. It's entertaining; it's his own official documentary but he's savvier and smarter about his image than you'd think, than the normal teen pop star. I watched a lot of amateur [YouTube] concert footage.

Jonny struggles with a few challenges throughout the book, such as trying to find his father and deciding whether to go to a regular school. Some authors say they feel like their characters lead them — did you have a good idea of the ending, or did you feel like Jonny surprised you?

I had a general idea of where I wanted to go, but one thing I found with writing is I do a lot of ventriloquism. This novel and the previous novel are both in voices very unlike my own. I do a lot of humor writing for magazines and newspapers that's also "ventriloquified," other characters. When I get into another character's voice, I start thinking about this character, and it does lead me to their decisions and thoughts.

How does society get to a place where we idolize 11-year-olds?

We hold them up as these paragons of innocence. … And then inevitably, they fail us — because it's impossible to stay innocent forever — and once they do, we punish them severely. We're cruel about it. The child celebrities, when they age, often rebel against their own image of innocence. They sexualize themselves or glorify their drug use.

You wrote lyrics to some of the songs in the book, like "RSVP (To My Heart)" and "Guys vs. Girls." Do you have any secret dreams to move over from writing to music?

No record labels have come calling yet. I'm a mediocre guitarist and singer. I would sit at my desk with a guitar on my lap and start thinking of melodies. It was fun to do, but I think I should not quit my day job.

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Q&A

How did you get the idea for the book?

There wasn't really a "eureka" moment. I'd been tutoring kids in Brooklyn once a week, and at the same time I'd been working on a novel that was going nowhere. One time, I saw one of the girls reading Miley Cyrus' book, "Miles to Go," and it must have landed in my subconscious because a week later, a friend asked if I had any ideas. I said, "How about we parody these teen pop star biographies?"

An hour later, I realized if I treated this with more gravity it could make a more serious novel.

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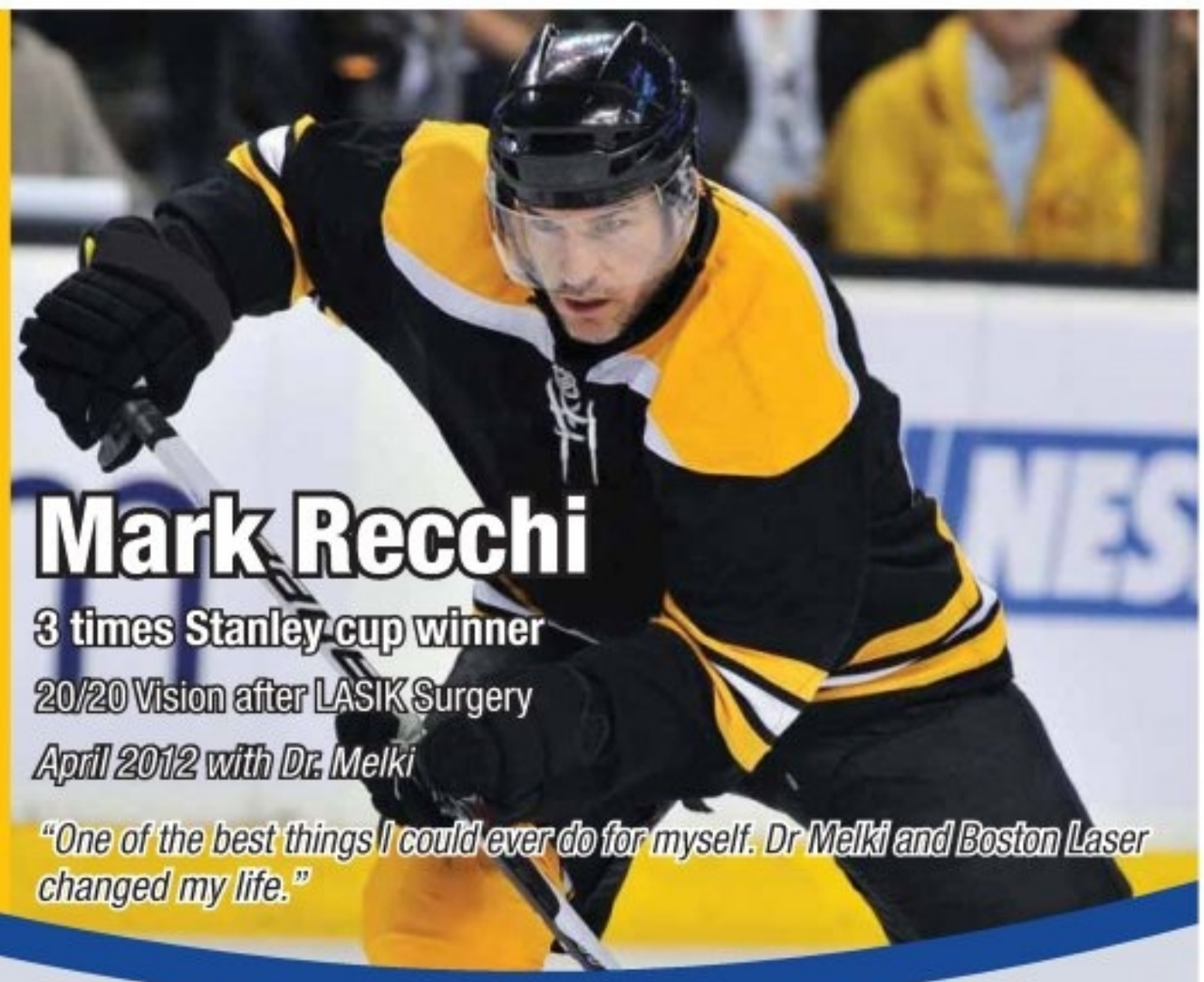

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Making the leap from crib to bed

Is your child ready to move to a big-kid bed? Child sleep consultant Amy Lage helps families best approach this crucial moment in a toddler's life Her strategies include keeping a consistent routine and laying out clear bedtime rules to help everyone in your family with this big change

Easing your child through the transition from sleeping in a crib to a new bed doesn't need to be a nightmare. Child sleep consultant Amy Lage has made a career out of helping families best approach this crucial moment in a toddler's life. If your child cannot stay in a crib safely any longer (for example, your little monkey is making a great escape every night to crawl into bed with you) or is asking for a toddler bed, it might be time for Lage's advice.

Why is the transition from crib to bed so important?

We want to make sure that the entire family is getting as much sleep as possible, and that your children are well-rested. To avoid those middle-of-the-night wake-ups, it's important to set the tone and do it right the first time. It keeps everybody on track.

Your suggestion of letting a child pick out new sheets or a bed frame is an interesting idea. Do kids find this exciting?

Yes — children are always a little nervous about the change. This makes them feel in control of the situation, which is so important for toddlers. They are so often grasping for control in their lives.

Can older kids help too? Many children want the privileges and responsibilities that their older siblings have.

Absolutely — especially if the sibling is a great sleeper. They can talk up the new bed, and how exciting the change will be. Having them get the younger sibling excited will definitely help.

What sparked your interest in this topic? Did you have trouble transitioning your children?

I have a 2-year-old and a 2-month-old. The older one is actually still in her crib, and will stay until she asks to switch. In the sleep community, we really think it's important to keep children in their crib until they are really ready. I'm a big believer in waiting until 3 if you can.

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Quote

"To avoid those middle-of-the-night wake-ups, it's important to set the tone and do it right the first time."
AMY LAGE

Why is 3 the magic number?

At 3, you can reason with them. Before that, most kids really can't comprehend guidelines or why it is important to follow directions. Until they can understand and recognize boundaries, it is so much easier to keep them in the crib where they can have the best sleep.

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Amy Lage tackles a variety of child sleep issues at www.wellrestedbaby.com.

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3 Ways to make sure your new job doesn't take over your life

▶ Taking a break to hang out with your co-workers and socialize can make you happier, not just better at video games.

Being the new kid in the office also coincides with being the new kid on the block, so it is especially important that you don't let your work take over your entire life. It's not good for your job and it's not good for you. Julie Chandler, an executive with staffing firm Robert Half International, says that work-life balance is one of the most important facets to performing well at work. "When I have that work-life balance, I go in the next day with a smile on my face because I'm happy to be back," she says.

Here are the top three ways to keep your life balanced:

Leave work at the office

In the age of social media and smartphones, work is no longer contained to the office. Assignments can roll in at any time with the click of a button.

It is important to make a distinction between work time and home time. Do you really need to be reading budget reports on Saturday morning or can it wait until Monday?

Job permitting, try to avoid checking your work e-mails during weekends and evenings.

Take breaks

Starting a new job on the right foot means working hard, but it doesn't mean that you can never step away from your desk. Being glued to a chair in front of your computer for eight solid hours every single day can take its toll. Try taking regular breaks or ask a co-worker to join you for lunch away from your desks. You'd be surprised at how much of a difference it can make!

You'll return to work feeling refreshed and ready to get back to it.

Make plans

After a long day at work, it can be tempting to slump down on the couch for the rest of the evening. While a little R&R is never a bad thing, it's important to break out of your work-to-home routine. For some, this means making plans with friends, going out after work and taking in local attractions. Put life back into your work-life balance and experience your city.

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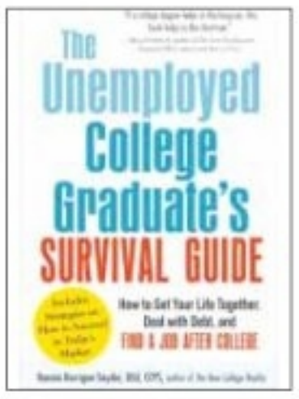
Talentegg.com is a job board and online career resource for college students and recent graduates.

Surviving the post-grad unemployment slump

Bonnie Kerrigan Snyder graduated from Harvard in 1987 and was thrown into a sinking economy — and a job market not terribly interested in English majors. Today she's a family college consultant, and she sees her clients struggling with the same obstacles she ran into post-graduation — only much worse.

Her latest book, "The Unemployed College Graduate's Survival Guide: How to Get Your Life Together, Deal with Debt, and Find a Job After College," mines some of the wisdom she picked up in the '80s and appropriates it for an even bleaker job market.



"I wanted to create a survival guide that took this job crisis seriously. This isn't advice you'd give to just any generation. This generation is unique in history, and the same rules just don't apply," says Snyder, from her home in Lancaster, Pa. "They're really caught in a double whammy. There's obviously a recession, but there's also a demographic crunch going on: There's just more older people now, and they're holding onto their jobs much longer."

Kerrigan's guide begins with a strong dose of emotional reassurance for post-grads feeling let down by their job status and judged by their parents.

"In my experience, the kids are more aware of the realities than the parents are. Parents are having a hard time adjusting their expectations," says Snyder. "There is a way Americans have approached college for generations: Choose a school first, discover what you're interested in while you're in school and start thinking about a job in your senior year. The stakes are so much higher for these kids, and we need to start thinking about the payoff of this investment a lot sooner."

▶ Demographics are not on the side of recent college graduates.

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The new realities

In her latest book, family college consultant Bonnie Kerrigan Snyder dissects the outdated wisdom of American higher education. Here is just one example:

- **Outdated thinking:** A college degree ensures financial security.
- **The new reality:** College can be a risky financial investment, and that risk needs to be hedged. A family only has so much money to help launch a child into the workforce. Diverting some of those resources toward a home or starting a business is a better strategy. ● BRUCE WALSH

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Some romantic notions should go the way of chivalry

RE: "THE LOST ART OF THE LOVE LETTERS" (METRO, FEB. 14) If any woman held me to all of your Valentine advice, I would consider her a fool.

1. If I wrote a handwritten letter (I'm not referring to the signature) to anyone when I could have typed it, I would be going out of my way to make the recipient's life harder.

2. I don't need a beard to convince people that I'm a man. The unavoidable "5-o'clock shadow" does the trick, even earlier in the day.

3. A nice car? I don't need a car in New York City, so having one would show me to be a spendthrift and indifferent to the public good.

4. If a man has to have a high-paying job to get married, shall we reserve all high-paying jobs for men so that more people can get married? Think about it!

ALAN R. BROWN, VIA E-MAIL

Pope's resignation prime fodder for great headline

I just wanted to say that the headline for Metro's Feb. 12 edition that said: "Benedict: Too pooped to be pope" has got to be one of the best lines I have heard in years. I just love the way it sounds and it has been stuck in my head all week. The other night my friend asked if I wanted to go out and since I was I was tired I just replied, "No thanks, I'm too pooped to pope." It's terrible, I can't get it out of my head. I've been laughing about it all week. Thank you for making my week, or probably month.

PETER BOYLES, VIA E-MAIL

Jackman didn't go out of his way to squash rumors

RE: "HUGH JACKMAN: NOPE, NOT GAY" (METRO, FEB. 27) I enjoyed your article about Hugh Jackman. Before Daniel Craig was cast as the latest Bond, there were blind items in the New York tabloids alluding to Hugh not being cast because gay rumors were swirling around him. Ticket sales would plummet. He was one of the hottest men in Australia even before international stardom hit. How many gorgeous, 20-something women must have thrown themselves at him in vain.

MICHAEL RIORDAN, VIA E-MAIL

It's hard to murder someone with an Nintendo Wii

RE: "THE HAND ONLY ACTS AS THE HEART INSTRUCTS" (METRO, FEB. 14) It is one thing to dismiss the significance of the weapon of choice used in violent crimes. It is quite another to deflect it onto something else altogether. When crazed killers armed with video games start murdering school children, then we can shift the focus there. But instead of lecturing those who want common sense solutions to reduce gun violence, folks like letter writer Rebecca Bellisario would be better off educating "responsible" gun owners how to actually handle their guns responsibly. This is a critical factor missing from the gun "debate."

DENNIS FLYNN, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** The secret to your success will be to treat life as a game, even those aspects of it that have been tough or boring. It's OK to have some fun while you're playing to win.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** When looking for the bluebird of happiness, you shouldn't go searching outside your immediate surroundings. Staying within your domain is important, both for yourself and your circle of intimates.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** You rarely have a difficult time knowing what to say to friends. Even though you're likely to be surrounded by a larger crowd today, you'll still find a way to charm everybody.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Conditions in general are usually favorable for you, and today will be no exception. The only difference is that most groups you encounter will have something to do with making money. How nice!

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Your natural ability to spread some sunshine and lift the thoughts of others will contribute greatly to your popularity. You'll find that some people need a smile more than others.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Lucky you, because an effective ally who does nice things without drawing attention to it will single you out for special attention.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** You could be quite fortunate — not necessarily in the usual material ways, but in something that won't rust and can't be stolen.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** As long as you don't establish too many objectives or excessively focus on one thing, you should be able to concentrate on a meaningful project.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Provided you have the will to win and never underestimate the opposition, you shouldn't have any trouble bettering yourself and ousting all competitors. Keep plugging away.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** A number of unanticipated changes could occur in an area of importance. Be flexible and keep an eye on the competition.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Your quick wit and delightful charm are two of your best assets. Mutual benefits are likely from situations in which you can deal with others on a one-on-one basis.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** The extra funds you'll need in order to do something special will manifest as soon as the assets you've been putting away begin to appreciate.

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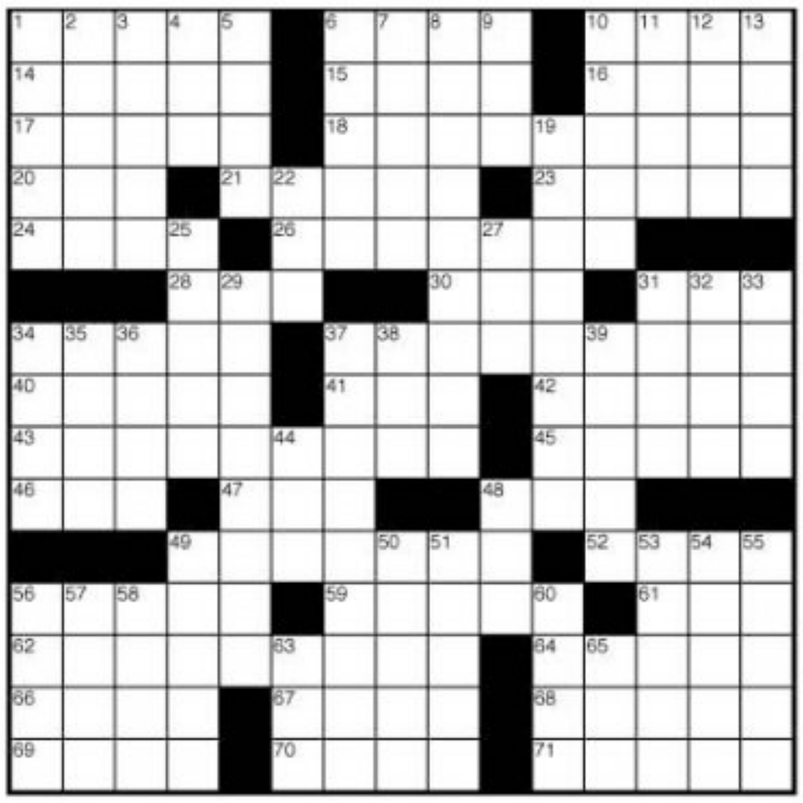

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Stratus Vineyards

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What type of traveler are you?

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1 What is your favorite part of traveling the world?

A Uncovering lesser-known cultural hot spots

B Immersing yourself in the culture of each destination and living like a local

C Experiencing breath-taking natural beauty and spotting elusive wildlife

D Food, wine, food and food again

2 What is the first thing you do once you arrive at your destination?

A Ask a local for the best place to spend the afternoon

B Take a turn through the closest gallery or museum

C Find the nearest nature reserve for an energizing hike

D Make a reservation at the city's most sought-after restaurant

3 What is your travel uniform?

A Think high-tech and wrinkle-free with somewhere to stash your smartphone

B Sensible shoes that are also stylish—you'll be walking all day and night

C Comfortable, all-weather gear and hiking boots, of course

D Pants with a little give…

4 What inspires you to choose a travel destination?

A Travel magazines and expert recommendations

B Your latest obsession: photography, art, fashion, film...

C Panoramic landscape photography and memoirs of famous adventurers

D Your favorite noodle house or street food stall

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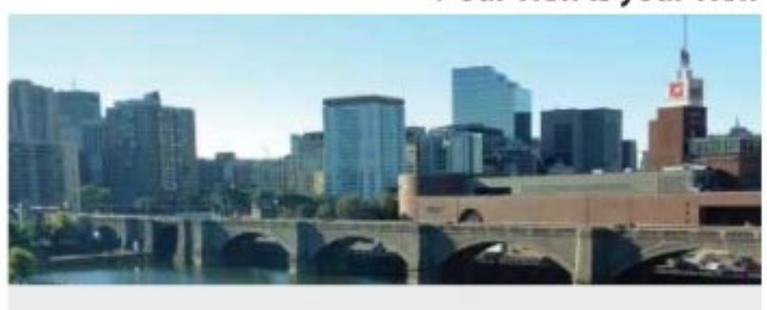

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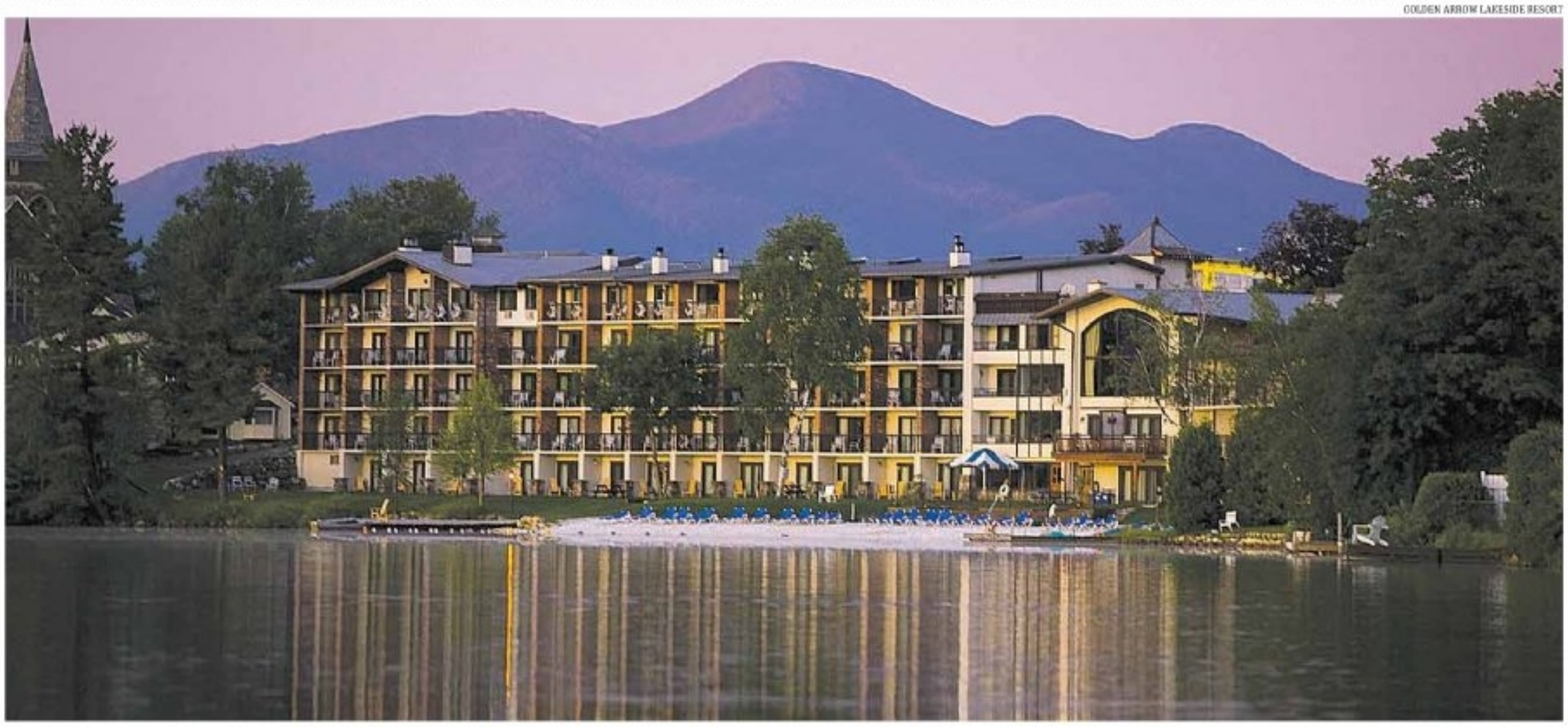

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▶ Joel Hanrahan is slated to be the Red Sox closer in 2013.

Boston's brand new end game

Red Sox bullpen should be much improved ◐ Bailey, Bard must be right ◐ Hanrahan should solidify staff

A closer in baseball is one of the most important positions on the entire roster. For the Red Sox, last year was a year in which they really did not have one as Andrew Bailey missed virtually the entire season with a right thumb injury. This year could offer a much different story.

The Red Sox, knowing how important the closer position is, went out and traded for All-Star Joel Hanrahan last December. The 31-year-old has been an All-Star with the Pirates the past two seasons finishing with 40 and 36 saves, respectively.

"I've always thought playing in Boston would be fun and seeing what the biggest rivalry in baseball is all about," Hanrahan said on WEEI's Dennis & Callahan show Monday morning.

Hanrahan is a hard-thrower, featuring just two pitches — a four-seam fastball ranging between 95-99 MPH and a slider, with his fastball being his primary pitch.

With Hanrahan as the closer, the Red Sox have the potential for a dynamic setup tandem of Bailey and Daniel Bard, assuming Bard returns to his 2011 form. The bullpen should be one of the team's biggest strengths, which Hanrahan acknowledged.

This will be the right-hander's first season in the American League, as his past six seasons have came with the Nationals and Pirates. Closing in the AL East will obviously be a much greater challenge than what he got in Washington and Pittsburgh.

"People always say that Pittsburgh is a small market team and he's going to be terrible and you never get that kind of pressure, but I was thinking about that the other day," Hanrahan said. "In 2011 he Red Sox came in and it was a packed house and I got two saves. … I'm not worried about the pressure; I don't add pressure to myself."

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AWOL Alfredo

Red Sox pitcher Alfredo Aceves' bizarre behavior from the tail-end of 2012 has apparently carried over to 2013.

Aceves was reportedly throwing lob balls in live batting practice when he should have been working on his normal stuff, using the velocity typical of a major league pitcher.

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In the news

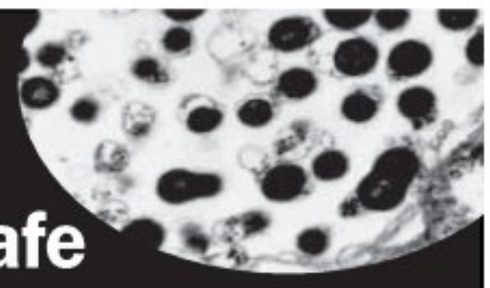
Wright & Wake

The Red Sox don't want to be without a knuckleballer on their major league roster for much longer.

Minor league pitcher and knuckleball hurler Steven Wright will work with former Sox pitcher Tim Wakefield on the fine art of the throwing the knuckleball sometime next week.

"I'll try to take as much as I can and implement it into my routine," Wright told ESPN.

Life's Short Play Safe



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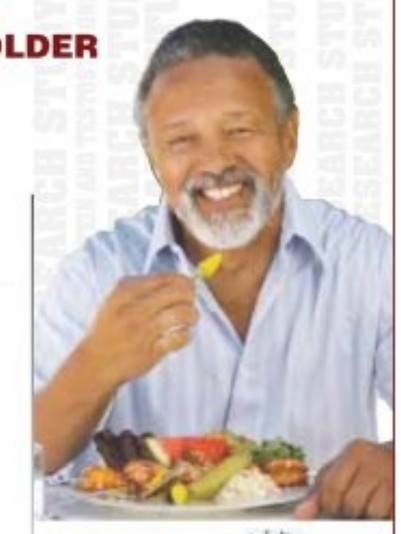

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Dealers' delight in NBA this week

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▶ Atlanta's Josh Smith has long been part of NBA trade chatter.

◗ Wheeling and dealing the norm this time of year ◗ Clippers need to make one final push to seriously contend for title ◗ C's a huge wild card

The NBA trade deadline is just two days away (Thursday, 3 p.m.), but the hype leading up to it began weeks — months? — ago. Some teams are looking for one more piece to put them over the top, while others are looking to cut salary and build toward the future.

Players and fans are equally on edge as GM's kick around offers behind closed doors.

Here are the five teams most likely to make a move by Feb. 21:

Los Angeles Clippers

The Clippers are done playing second fiddle to the Lakers, and realize they have a team that's probably just one player short of winning a title. Eric Bledsoe, the team's backup point guard to Chris Paul, is their bait, and they've already reportedly tried dangling him to the Celtics (with Caron Butler, for Kevin Garnett) and the Jazz (for Paul Millsap). It doesn't look like the C's are biting on that offer, but it makes sense for the Jazz, which could certainly use a point guard, and could lose Millsap to free agency after the season. Regardless of where, Bledsoe will probably be out of L.A. by Thursday night.

Atlanta Hawks

Josh Smith has been included in countless trade rumors over the past few years. Why does it make sense to trade him now? Well, unless the absolute improbable happens, Atlanta doesn't seem to be going far with him as its centerpiece. He's due for a max deal or close to one over the offseason — whether he deserves it or not — and the Hawks may not be interested. Both the Celtics and Nets, among others, have come up as suitors. The Nets are also reportedly interested in Millsap.

Phoenix Suns

Phoenix understands it needs to unload some players and hope it pays dividends down the road. Marcin Gortat is a big man who can help out just about any team, as could Luis Scola. Swingman Jared Dudley is by most accounts a great locker-room guy (and can play). Michael Beasley plays in spurts, and could scare teams away if the Suns include him in potential deals.

Boston Celtics

An 8-1 stretch has probably killed all Paul Pierce/Kevin Garnett trades — unless the C's are blown away by an offer. But don't count out a smaller trade to bring in a backup guard or big man.

Milwaukee Bucks

The Bucks have one big decision to make: Monta Ellis or Brandon Jennings? They can't sign both to long-term deals, and may elect to trade one or the other by Thursday's deadline.

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GRADING THE CELTS

The Celtics stormed into the All-Star break having won eight of their last nine games and looking like a team that can roll with the best of the best. But it's important to remember the hard-to-watch crew prior to the run. Here's the report card for the C's at the season's halfway point. For the entire report card, please visit: *www.metro.us/boston.*

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A– **Kevin Garnett:** Along with Pierce, Garnett is leading the C's since Rondo's injury. His averages of 15 points and 7.7 rebounds are actually pretty much on par with his last four seasons in Boston, and so is his effectiveness. Garnett remains the C's most important big man and is invaluable on defense.

B **Jeff Green:** It's hard to talk about Green's productivity without mentioning his four-year, $36 million contract. Has he lived up to it yet? Nope. But like Terry, Green has been much more effective, on both ends of the floor, as of late. He's the definition of a player who is far better when he's playing "mindless" basketball.

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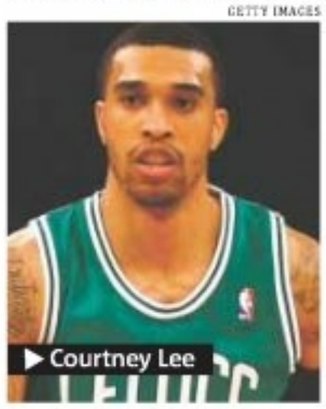

C+ **Courtney Lee:** Lee was a starter to begin the year, then he went to the bench, and now he's back starting again. Lee's defense has been commendable but he needs to be more aggressive on the offensive end.

A– **Paul Pierce:** Pierce has seen his shooting percentage drop since the beginning of January, but he's still been the team's most important player — and since Rajon Rondo went down, the best. He's averaging 8.9 rebounds and 7.3 assists in February — above his career averages.

B+ **Jason Terry:** Can you guess the Celtics' plus/minus leader at the break? It's Terry at plus-84. That's pretty hard to believe when you think about how awful he was to start the year. Terry's turned around his season as is now the sixth man Boston had been looking for.

C+ **Avery Bradley:** Bradley was hailed as the savior prior to his return with the C's, and while he's certainly been a plus on the defensive side of things, he's yet to find his shot this season. Bradley is shooting under 40 percent from the field and under 30 percent from 3.

Tsk, tsk

- **Chris Wilcox:** C- Wilcox has once again had a hard time staying healthy.
- **Brandon Bass:** C- By far the team's worst plus/minus player at minus-142.
- **Jason Collins:** C- Let's remember that all grades are relative here. Collins is good for six fouls.
- **Incomplete:** Fab Melo, Rajon Rondo, Jared Sullinger and Leandro Barbosa.

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